

Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtles

TEKS: 2.5, 2.9, 3.8, & 4.9

Objectives:

Students will be able to:

1. Investigate the plight of the Kemp's Ridley Sea turtle
2. Write about the life of a sea turtle
3. Personalize what was learned by sponsoring a sea turtle.

Materials:

Blackboard

Chalk

Turtle handout

Turtle PowerPoint

Computer

Science journal

Writing utensil

Procedure:

1. Ask students if they have ever been to the ocean. Ask them to name animals that live in the ocean. Make a list of the animals on the board.
2. If a sea turtle was not mentioned by the class, add it to the list. Focus in on the sea turtles, letting students know that there are many kinds of sea turtles but that you are going to focus on one species.
3. Pass out the turtle handout to each student. Show students the turtle PowerPoint presentation, discussing all the information on each slide.
4. Discuss with students the opportunity to help the turtles by making a donation.

Evaluation:

1. In their science journals students will write a R.A.F.T. paper, a document in which they take on the role of a Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle and write about their life as a turtle. Papers should be one to two paragraphs in length.
2. Students will be informally observed throughout the lesson to ensure they are on task and participating.